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Earth Day Event -- Keeping the Planet Fit

On April 22, 1970, 20 million people across America celebrated the first Earth Day. It was a time when cities were buried under their own smog and polluted rivers caught fire. Now Earth Day is celebrated annually around the globe.

Through the combined efforts of the U.S. government, grassroots organizations, and citizens like you, what started as a day of national environmental recognition has evolved into a world-wide campaign to protect our global environment.



You are invited to join the

Wallops Environmental Office's Earth Day Celebration

April 27 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. At the Pavilion

There will be free snow cones and give a ways. A Tee-shirt will be given to anyone who has completed Environmental Management System training. There will be a volley ball game and at least 10 booths featuring: Emergency Management, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy, It ain't Easy Being Green, Gardening, Four Stroke Boat Motor, Pocomoke State Park, Facilities Management Branch and others

The Wallops Exchange and Morale Association (WEMA) will be serving a Hot Dog or Kielbasa, bottled water or soda, and a bag of chips for \$3 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Administrative Professionals Week is April 24 – 28. Wednesday, April 26 is designated as Administrative Professionals Day.

Originally organized in 1952 as "National Secretaries Week", the name was changed to Administrative Professionals Week in 2000 to reflect the expanding role of the office staff.

The name change was made to keep in step with the changing job titles and expanding responsibilities of today's administrative workforce.

Thanks to the entire Wallops team for your hard work, patience, and dedication throughout the year!

Students to Take Part in Inspire the Next Generation Day Events

Eastern Shore students will have an opportunity to examine a wide range of careers during Inspire the Next Generation Day at the Wallops Flight Facility on April 27.

NASA, along with the Navy's Surface Combat Systems Center, (SCSC), the U.S. Coast Guard, the National Wildlife Refuge Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, (NOAA), are taking part in the national program held annually at the Wallops Flight Facility.

"Inspire the Next Generation Day provides children in grades 4 through 12 the opportunity to see adults working together in a professional work environment and explore careers in the Federal workforce. Ninety students are registered to participate in several activities throughout the day," said Ed Parrott, NASA Education Coordinator.

Students will spend time with their sponsor or parent to learn about daily work responsibilities. Workshops and activities will be held during the day emphasizing careers available with the government and the preparation required for these positions.

Morning activities include: basic rocketry with NASA engineers, a trip to the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, a tour of the NOAA station, learning how local Navy personnel work, touring a Coast Guard rescue ship, studying robotics, marine biology, and a future professional women's workshop.

Afternoon activities include: building a sled kite, a weather balloon launch, a tour of NASA's launch control center, Earth Day activities, touring the rocket facility, global positioning system mapping demonstration, an unmanned aerial vehicle demonstration, and touring a NASA aircraft.

Old Dominion University Summer Semester

Old Dominion University offers classes at the Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa, Va., and the Cropper Center outside the NASA Main Gate.

For a complete schedule of classes visit: https://webdrive.gsfc.nasa.gov/shortauth/Terry.Ann.Ewell.1/ RD1VXIC39KUAAHyUjoM

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For more information, visit: www.odu.edu or call Site Director, Nancy Collins at (757) 824-0763 or (757) 787-5590.

Oscar De La Hoya vs. Ricardo Mayorga,

May 6, live on Pay-Per-View Building F3, Rocket Club 9 p.m. Doors open at 8 p.m.

Free for current Fitness Club members and Active Military. \$3 fee for all others. Contact Robert Tittle at x1244 for further information

Mark your calendar:

WALLOPS HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

THURSDAY, MAY 4 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM GYMNASI UM BLDG D-10

DC-DC Converter Design

April 25 10 a.m. - Noon Wallops video-conference Building F6, Room 213

This is an overview of the function of converters and some of the common problems associated with them. Linear regulators and switching converters will be shown functionally.

Details including isolation, theoretical efficiencies, thermal, feedback stability, electrical noise, multiple outputs and synchronization will be discussed.

Understanding and Treating Shoulder and Neck Pain Steve Daisey, Physical Therapist

May 9 Noon to 1 p.m. Williamsburg Room, Building E-2

For information contact Diane Weller at x1336



IT Security

Information Technology Security is a top priority for NASA and is a key component of mission success. The deadline to complete the 2006 IT Security training, June 2, is rapidly approaching.

Goddard Space Flight Center will be changing to a new training system prior to this deadline. On May 8, GSFC will begin using the Learning Managment System, SATERN, to meet established federal agency deadlines.

On April 26, the NASA SOLAR web site will be turned off to accommodate transferring training modules to SATERN.

Employees who have not completed their IT Security training prior to April 26 will not be able to take the training until the new system becomes operational.

Employees and supervisors are strongly encouraged to complete the training before SOLAR is turned off on April 26 to reduce the possibility of being adversely affected by any transition-related issues.

Cinco de Mayo

May 4 5 p.m. in the Rocket Club

Come join the Fiesta!!



We know Cinco de Mayo is May 5 - we're celebrating on May 4 so more people will be able to join the fun

Contact Mike Barnhill at x1641 for further information

Single Elimination Pool Tournament

April 27 5:30 p.m. in the Rocket Club

\$5 entry with 70/30 split to first and second

Contact: Rob Cass at x2376 or Robert.Cass.1@gsfc.nasa.gov

Working Woman's (& Man's) Toolkit

Brown Bag Luncheon with Dave Quillen: "Power Tools"

April 26 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. At the Pavilion

Bring your lunch and your own toolkit to

learn how to safely use power tools.

For further information contact Kathryn Redden at x2187

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